SLADE ON HIS RAMBLES.

He Visits Montague and Goes Birding.

And now in my rambling it so chanced that I sojourned awhile at Decatur and did partake of the good thinks of that brisk town, Bob Collins lives at Decatur. He runs a newspaper there; he runs it into the ground. I suppose he runs it into the ground, for he runs the Post and posts are usmally run into the ground. (Now, you should laugh, for the above is funny). It is not often I perpetrate a nample of literature like the above, but when I doctry my hand on a pen (I guess that was a nun I usually out when I do try my hand on a pen (I guess that was a pun) I usually throw out a stem winder. What I wish to say about Bob Collins is that I took a phrenological tour over his head. Hob's head is prolific of bumps, some of which indicate what he has an inclination to do, while others are evidences of what he has done or more proceeds. done, or more properly speaking, what has been done to him. For instance it is an easy task for an experienced phrenologist to tell what kind of an article the heavy development benind Bob's ears would inspire, while by classical at the least terms. while by glancing at the elevation over his left eye it is no trouble at all for an amateur to see just what kind of bump a certain kind of article inspires. Phrenology is a great thing but it takes an expert in the profession just at the present to properly invoice Bob's bumps, some of which show what kind of literature he is inclined to indulge in, while othere show the result of publishing such literature. Bob wants to hire a fighting editor for the Post but I'm going to try to worry along without the posish.

I'm not going to say anything more about Decatur, it takes me too long to say all I feel about the place. I met Harry Marks there. Harry is a drummer-boy ple cheek and jowl of brass. Genial, hardworking Harry would be a jolly companion if he would talk anything but dry goods. Harry is a rustler and no mistake, and has placed me under lasting obligations. Anything he orders from your office, furnish him promptly on my account—if he pays for it. I'm getting liberal all at once, you see. Harry and I stopped

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SUNSET, where we tantalized Mr. Dorsey until I think he is about ready to ask for a position in the branch lunatic asylum. He patronized us both finally just to get rid of us.

Sunset is improving rapidly. A large new hotel has just been completed and another "blind tiger" added to not have your eyes dazzled by the bar-keepers diamond breast pins. You are not overpowered with his general make-up, and you don't have to take any of his jaw.

We got to Bowie and I immediately took conveyance to MONTAGUE,

This is a prosperous inland town, supported by a thriving semi-grazing and the other half farming country. churches, a substantial jail and other moral institutions. The Jordan Heuse is an excellent hotel and there are a great number of substantial business firms, and one neat saloon kept by Mr. Belew a very pleasant gentleman. The citizens of Montague vied with each other in showing me courteous attentions, their object. each other in showing me courteous attentions, their object being to pay a compliment to the works of the Stock Journal Publishing Company.

Col. W. J. Sparks was perfectly willing to neglect his own business to help me with mine and to him may be credited u ast of the success which be credited most of the success which my returns show. I also met Mr. J. in abunda C. Bryant of the prosperous firm of Barefoot & Bryant and Mr. C. C. Rumrill whom every one knows as a The A lolly courteous and prosperous cattle-

raiser and dealer.

Capt. W. A. Morris the land agent
I found to be a pleasant gentleman
and any one can see that he is an enterprising business man by referring

terprising business man by referring to his card in the STOCK JOURNAL.

Mr. Stevens of the law firm of Stevens, Matlock & Herbert has at last returned from an extended trip to visit some of his western lands. He is considerably bronzed by exposure.

I had the pleasure of meeting Mr. and Mrs. Holt, both of whom are

and Mrs. Holt, both of whom are newspaper men, and together they are making a spicy sheet of the Texas Northwest, which is published at Montague.

I went back to BOWIE,

where I am now looking over the improvements going on in this prosper-ous town. A large two-story school-house has just been completed here, and an excellent school is being con-ducted in it.

Mr. R. C. Little has sold out his stock of drugs, built a splendid new house, and opened up another stock of

drugs.

Mason & Son still handle large stocks of goods. They have just accepted the agency for McCormick's machinery, and are now ready to supply the surrounding country with the latest improved machines of every description. The Mainor House continues to be the leading hotel of the place and—but say, Mr. Jones is going to and-but say, Mr. Jones is going to take me birding this afternoon. He has spiendid guns, a good setter, and it is said quait are numerous. I do not believe in the wholesale slaughter of these birds, however, and I do not intend that we shall kill more than we wish to make use of. I think it is really sinful to kill more of these beautiful birds than you wish to eat. I have just engaged Mrs. Smith, of the of Mr. Jones to take me out hunting this way, and I shall not forget him. LATER.

Yes, we went birding, and I don't feel so well myself. In fact I dictate this while another fellow writes. The other fellow did'nt go with us birding. I den't know what I've ever done to Mr. Jones that he should have taken me off on such a traing. I'll remember him though. My time will come some day. Why we walked thirty-nine miles and I came near missing some day. Why we walked thirty-nine miles and I came near missing the train, and from the way my shoulders feel I think I must have pointed the wrong end of the gun at pointed the gun at pointed the wrong end of the gun at pointed the gun at pointed the gun at pointed the gun at po

coived too late for delivery Saturday night. Parties can obtain same by

the birds. We killed—time and a good setter dog. The dog was the valued property of Mr. Jones. There's some consolation about that fact: "Quail for supper?" Not much Mary Ana! I'm all broke up. I believe however I killed the dog. At least I shut both eyes and fired in the direction of where the dog was "setting" a covy of birds. When I 'got up and pulled my dislocated shoulder into place, the dog—oh where was he? A few tufts of hair and the tips of his ears scattered on the ground inspired fears that he might have suffered. Jones said something about a man being a condemned fool for putting a quart of buck shot and a handful of powder into a gun where he was killthe birds. We killed-time and a powder into a gun where he was kill-ing birds. His criticism, however, came too late to be of service. If he'd mentioned the matter before the gun was loaded the result might have been different. Mr. Green went with us hunting. An expert prospector might be able to locate a lead mine somewhere under his pants. I believe though a surgeon is already working one claim. It seems that he got in the range of Jones' gun when Jones was trying to bag a "cotton tail" rabbit. Time has passed on and I am im-

Proving slowly.
I could tell you more of these railroad towns, but our "grips" are packed, our blankets are in the backs, our guns in good shape, our cartridge belts are filled and "Josh" Coulson and I will leave Wichita Falls in an hour for the far off Panhandle and perhaps penetrate New Mexico, and just when you will hear from me again I can't exactly say, but I shall write every opportunity. SLADE,

SHACKLEFORD COUNTY.

A Sick Prisoner Revived by Electricity-Judgment Against a Railroad-Fire Subdued-Business-Notes.

Albany, March 27.—Two or three days ago it was reported to the sheriff that Tom Rodgers confined in jail was lying, whereupon the sheriff hastened to the jail and found Tom prostrate on the floor suffering apparently with a severe fit. Drs. Buell and Baird promptly arrived and pronounced the ase not very serious and sent for their electric batteries which they applied to Tom with a strong current from each. Immediately be ceased his hideous groans and uttered shricks and vells instead that would have put a Thomas-cat to shame and signified to the doctors that no further treatment of the kind was necessary. He immediately recovered from the effects of the menagere of the city. These later institutions are the boss. While you are refreshing yourself at them you do writing is enjoying the best of health.

L. G. Morris, in the county court, recovered a judgment against the Texas Central Railway Company for \$671.93 damage to beef cattle shipped from this place. Plaintiff remitted \$100.98 of said judgment. J. L. Fisher. county judge, being absent, D. H. Meyer, Esq., a prominent young attorney of this place, was elected special judge, and presided over the court in a manner to give general satisfaction and creditably to himself.

per one for public half. Residences in abundance are goldg up on all sides, business good and the town booming

generally.

The Albany cornet band give a grand benefit ball Friday night.

Prof. D. McMullen, the blind phrenologist is in town examining and expatiating upon the different bumps of our heads. He tells us many things about ourselves and some things decidedly unpleasant but eminently "keseidedly unpleasant but eminently "ke-

Health good. Grass growing finely. Nice rains and the stockmen and farmers wear smiles on their faces pleasant to behold.

The GAZETTE is still rapidly growing in favor out here, judging from the many inquiries made for it at the postoffice and the select and elegantly poetical remarks addressed to the post-master for his wilful negligence, if he don't always have it.

A New Entertainment. (Boston Herald.)

The latest invention in the line of entertainments is that known as the "Celestial Party." The floor of the hall or vestry which is to be the scene of the festivities is marked off into orbits, and numerous young ladies handsomely and fancifully dressed to represent the planets, such as Ceres, Hygeia, Astraea, Vesta, Ariadne, Flora and Terpsichore, revolve and rotate through these orbits around a young man dressed in flame-colored hability of the such through the such that the colored hability of the such the such that the colored hability of the colored h ments to represent the sun, who discourses to his satellites in poetry and prose. Smith College has the honor of having originated this unique style of entertainment, which takes piace when the young ladies celebrate hav-ing finished the study of astronomy.

A Spiritualistic Trick.

(Chambers' Journa Some time ago at a spiritualistic scance -the genuine article-a fiery hand was seen waving overhead in the darkness, rushing from end to end of the have just engaged Mrs. Smith, of the hotel, to have cooked for me six, and in consideration of her services I am to furnish some thirty or forty for the supper table. In addition to this number Mr. Jones will perhaps be able to use two score of birds, and when all these are bagged I intend that we shall come in. It's very kind of Mr. Jones to take me out hunting the same to end of the recomm with incredible swittness, now high, now low, and occasionally smiting people on the check with the cold, clammy contact of a corpse. In spite of the medium's stringent injunctions that no one should move, a gentleman clutched this awful apparition as it swept past him and regardless of protections. go until the lights were turned on. Then the messenger from the other world preved to be nothing more supernatural than a dirty white kid glove rubbed with phosphorus and stuffed with wet tow. This at the glove rubbed with phosphorus and stuffed with wet tow. This at the end of a thin line was suspended from a fishing-rod convenient for the pocket. Thus the medium could cause all manner of appalling "manifestation on might think it had not been up for the permanent of the pocket. all manner of appalling "manifestations" without raising from his chair. ten years.

OVER THE CONTINENT.

Four Thousand Miles Traveled on Cheek by Two American Boys.

The Unique Nerve That is Generated in the Climate of California.

[Philadelphia Times.]

Two remarkable adventurers arrived from California at the West Philadelphia depot of the Pennsylvania railroad yesterday. They were boys aged sixteen and fourteen years respectively. Their singular appearance as they trotted across Chestnut street in the direction of a cheap restaurant attracted the attention of the writer.

The fail The taller boy wore a visorless cap, a blue shirt many sizes to large for him and a pair of army breeches which under the hoisting powers of a single suspender sat bias. There was an expression of keen intelligence in his face and his large black eyes sparkled like beads. His companion had on a sort of cover-all or ulster that in its original condition was an army blanket. This with a badly tattered tume.

After they had sat down to heaping plates of pork and beans and foaming mugs of coffee, a railroad man who followed them across the street said, admiringly, to the waiter, as he pointed to the boys: "See them? Well, they are the two smartest boys in America. They have just slipped in from San Francisco; they didn't have anything but nerve when they started and their capital has grown, you bet. They are hustlers from way back, and it won't be long until the people of this town will know that they have arrived."

The Times reporter abandoned the brakeman to his eestasy and went inside to strike up an acquaintance with the "hustlers." The task was not a difficult one, the boys being about as ready to talk as to eat. Naturally enough they were proud of their unprecedented achievement, and they enough they were proud of their unprecedented achievement, and they related their experiences, between bites, with sufficient gusto. "There was ten of us when we started from the started from t the bay (slaring for San Francisco), but except me and Jimmy the rest of us was spilled out on the way from Reno to Chicago, Jimmy and me—his name is Jim Shaw and mine is Bob Elliott—we started for New York, and that's where we're going to get before we stop. We'll have to make some dust here first, dough; wonder where we can get an outfit?

"What kind of an outfit?"

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"A box and some brushes to blacken, don't you sabee?" said Bob.

"Mebbe his nibs will stake us.
Strike him," whispered Jim.

"BEATING" TO THE EASTWARD.

"Will you, boss?" inquired Bob, eagerly, as he "sized up" the reporter.

The writer said he might if they would tell him the truth about their overland trip "on cheek," They would tell him the truth about their overland trip "on cheek." They closed with the bargain at once, and, pushing away the empty dishes. Bob settled down to his story: "Business kind o' played out in 'Fisco." he began, "Everybody was goin' East, and on Kearney and Montgomery and Californy streets it was like Sunday all the time. Jim and me used to have a blockin' saloon, with barber chairs. blackin' saloon, with barber chairs in it, we did, but first Ralston died, then the Comstock lode went up and Consolidated Virginy went to nothin', all the miners and money men began to skip out for Colorado and receipts fell off so we could hardly buy blackin'. Then we thought it was time to shake the camp. Ten of us started and there was not eleven dollars in the crowd. It was a picule a-gettin up to Sacramento. We did the boat for that, but, sufferin' Moses, what a kick there was when they found out the whole of us. They didn't come on to us in a bunch, you can bet on that. We split up and they kept right on findin' us for about three hours, and then the captain said he'd be d—d if he wouldn't let us ride on our gall. That's the way we was a-ridin' and it didn't hurt our

feelin's a bit. LEAVING SACRAMENTO. "They didn't get mashed on us in Sacramento, and after we had 'sashaved around for an hour or two the chief of police gave us five hours to get out of town. We took the first freight train east. Me and Jimmy got on the bumpers and the rest of the fellows hung on to the brake beams under the cars. You'd ought to seen them when they got into Reno. They looked like a Custer massacre, the sand gravel had cut up their faces so. Four of them had enough, and they went up to Virginia City; four more dropped out at Winnemucea and started back, but we tumbled to a racket there that was as good as a 'sleeper.' Wasn't it, Jimmy?

Jimmy said it was and Bob proceeded: "A young fellow that was travella' emigrant East gave us the point. The emigrants are hauled by the freight trains and they change conductors about every hundred miles, at the end of the freight divisions. To beat them all you've got to do is to get ahead of the train one water station beyond the beginning of the division. Then the snap is to hop on the train, borrow a conductor's check from an emigrant, stick it in your hat and ride to the end of the diyour hat and ride to the end of the di-vision. If you can't borrow one steal it and repeat as often as you strike a new division and you'll get there. Eh, Jimmy?"

"I should smile," said Jimmy, as he kicked back his chair and rose from

the kleked back his chair and rose from the table.

"That's the way we did it plum through to Chicago," added Bob, as the pair walked toward the door.

"Then we watered cattle for drovers on the train to Pittsburg and the cattle men fixed it for us to Philadelphia. We'll strike News York in a day or two and then we'll take in Wall street and hunt up our friend Jim Keene.

"So long, yung fellow."

Showing Off. [Chicago Times.]

TEXAS TOPICS.

Heavy rains are reported in almost all portions of the state. A pony in Sherman has been going

to school for nineteen years. The election for mayor and alder-men of Abilene occurs on April 10.

The Caldwell Register wants a new jail erected in that county right away. A spirited fight between dogs and wolves occurred in Burleson county last week.

Drummers from San Francisco are soliciting trade from different portions A lawyer and a witness had a fight

in the courthouse at Jefferson, and the lawyer cut the witness severely. The jailor at Cleburne went through the prisoners in his charge a few days ago and found quite an assortment of

saws, files, etc. Aldermen in Dallas are evidently regarded as capitalists. One of them was assaulted a few days since for refusing to loan a man a quarter.

A grass widow ran off with a man and went to Tyler, where they put up as man and wife. Next morning the slouch hat, a pair of brogans and a man decamped with all the woman's gray flannel shirt made up his cosmoney.

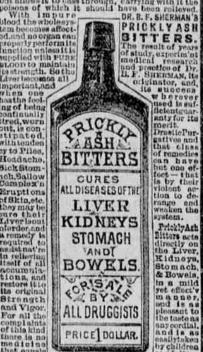
B. C. Yates, near Weatherford, produced from twenty-five swarms of bees an increase of twenty-five swarms, and seventy-five pounds of honey to each hive, or 3,750 pounds of honey in

Two indictments each have been returned by the district court at Sweet-water against A. J. Gilstrap, J. M. Chambers and W. A. Gray, who killed Chefflet and Grilliot. The sheriff of the county, brother of Gilstrap, was arrested on a charge of neglect of duty, was tried and cleared, after which he resigned his office.

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